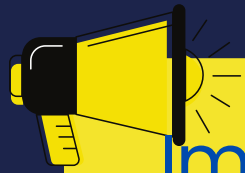
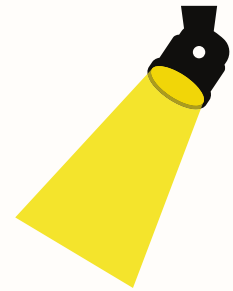


# WBSpotlight

w/e 24th April 2026



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## What a week it's been!

Dear WBS Families,

Firstly, I would like to thank parents and students for their support this week following the unfortunate water leak. I appreciate that a school closure is never ideal; however, students engaged well with work set on Seneca, and KS4 students joined live lessons where possible. Teaching staff worked extremely hard to ensure learning continued during this disruption. While online learning never replaces high-quality face-to-face teaching, the commitment shown by staff ensured continuity for our students.

A particular thank you to Mrs Abrahams, Senior Curriculum Leader for Coubertin and Head of Art, who once again provided an excellent learning culture for Year 11 students as they completed their 10-hour exam piece. The standard of effort and focus shown by students was excellent.

Mrs Cowther, Head of MFL, and her team have also been working intensively this week to complete GCSE speaking exams with our Year 11 students. Further speaking exams will continue next week.

Looking ahead, Mr Jones and I hope to see many of you supporting the Much Wenlock May Fair on Sunday 4th May. As always, we are raising valuable funds to support student rewards.

The next rewards will include:

- Term 3 ATL rewards, and
- Year 10 Golden Ticket rewards, linked directly to effort, ATL and academic performance in the upcoming end-of-year exams.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Mincher Deputy Head Teacher

## School calendar

- 27<sup>th</sup> April - Year 8 PCE
- 4<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday WBS
- 5<sup>th</sup> May Year 10 GCSE Preparation Evening - for Parents and students
- 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 5 SEND Evening 5-6pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> June Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships
- 16<sup>th</sup> June Primary Sports day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Primary Athletics Championships
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 Prom
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Enrichment week 3 / Year 10 end of Year exams
- 14<sup>th</sup> July Sports Awards Evening





# What's new!



## WBS School Garden Open Afternoon

As part of the Much Wenlock Open Garden charity fundraiser, our school garden will be open on Sunday 5th July, 12–5pm. Please come along—bring a picnic if you wish—and enjoy the fantastic work our gardening students have created in this lovely space.

## Shropshire Schools Athletics Championships

Saturday 13th June

This is a championship event for club athletes who would like to compete for the overall Shropshire Schools title in their chosen athletics event.


If your child trains regularly in an athletics event and would be interested in entering, please: speak to the PE staff, or email Mr Boak directly.

Please note: Students competing on the day will need to make their own way to the venue with parents/carers.

A great opportunity for our athletes to compete at county level — we look forward to seeing WBS represented!



# Sports Awards Evening



On Tuesday 14th July, we are holding our annual sports awards evening where we recognise the numerous achievements of our students throughout the year.

The event is by invitation only, but this year we have changed the awards categories and criteria.

The following awards will be presented at our annual Sports Awards Evening in July.

## Player of the Season – Competitive Teams

- Open to all players who have represented the school in a team from Years 7–11 against another school that year
- **Criteria:** Attitude, effectiveness of performance, influence on team performance
- Up to 3 nominees and 1 winner per team.

## Dance Awards

- KS3 Dance Award
- KS4 Dance Award
- Awarded to one student in each key stage
- **Criteria:** Attitude, commitment to dance in school, and quality of performances

## Colours

Awarded at the end of Year 10 or Year 11

### Half Colours

- Represent the school on a regular basis throughout time at WBS.
- Committed to attending clubs.

### Full Colours

Represent the school on a regular basis throughout time at WBS.

- Play at an outstanding level in at least one of the school sports.
- Excellent leader during performances as well as around school.





# Sports Awards Evening conintued

## **GCSE PE Award**

- For excellence academically in the GCSE PE course
- Up to 3 nominees and 1 winner

## **Overall Sporting Star Award**

- To be awarded at the end of Year 10 or Year 11
- Male award and Female award
- To reward the outstanding performer across the school in any one or more sports – typically drawn from the full colours list
- Up to 3 nominees and 1 winner per award

## **Respect Award**

- To be awarded at the end of Year 10 or Year 11
- Male and Female award
- To recognise students who have shown a consistently outstanding attitude over the course of their time at WBS
- Up to 3 nominees and 1 winner per award

## **Elite Athlete Award**

- To be awarded at the end of Year 10 or Year 11
- Male and Female award
- To recognise students training and competing outside of school to a high level in any sport, while balancing this alongside academics
- Only awarded if applicable

## **Team of the Year**

- For an outstanding achievement from a school team in the year
- Only awarded if applicable that year



## **Respect Award**

To be awarded at the end of Year 10 or Year 11

Male and female award

To recognise students who have shown a consistently outstanding attitude over the

course of their time at WBS

Up to 3 nominees and 1 winner per award



## Sport Clubs



*Health body  
Healthy mind*



### William Brookes School PE Department Clubs Summer Term 2026 – Starting after Easter holidays

	Lunchtime	After-School		Dance
Monday	Basketball	Staff meetings		
STAFF	Mr Boak			
Tuesday	Badminton	Athletics	Cricket – outdoor gameplay	Year 9-11 Dance
STAFF	Ms Johnson	Mr Parkes/Ms Johnson/Ms Hennessy/Mr Wilson	Mr Boak	Hannah Oldham
Wednesday	Basketball	Cricket nets – Sportshall		Year 7-8 Dance/Musical
STAFF	Mr Parkes	Mr Wilson		Ms Leason/Kieran Howorth
Thursday		Rounders		Elite Dance
STAFF		Mr Boak/Ms Johnson		Ms Leason

All lunchtime and after-school clubs – report to PE changing rooms area / sportshall

Lunchtime clubs – you must arrive within 10 mins of start of lunch if you wish to take part (see club leader if you need a note for the canteen queue)

All are welcome at every club. No need to sign up, Join at any time through the term



## Music Clubs



	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	Rehearsal/Practice time (week A)	
Tuesday		Choir
Wednesday		Rock Bands
Thursday	Rehearsal/Practice time	Jazz Band
Friday	Rehearsal/Practice time	

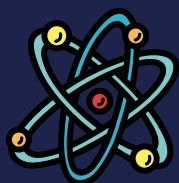
All years welcome.

See Ms Adams in advance if you would like to sign up for an activity.

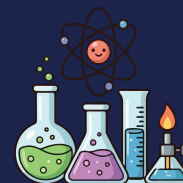


# Year 11 Revision Classes

DAY	Lunch session ('Open Door')	After-school session
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art</li> <li>Product Design</li> </ul>	STAFF MEETING
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography 205</li> <li>Product Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English 109</li> <li>Hospitality &amp; Catering</li> <li>Health &amp; Social Care 101</li> </ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product Design</li> <li>Science</li> <li>PE (from Spring half term, and students to book in with Mr Boak)</li> <li>Business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English (by invite only) 109</li> <li>Product Design</li> <li>Geography (support with revision booklets) 205</li> <li>Business</li> </ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History 110</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maths (foundation) 001</li> <li>Maths (higher) London Breakout</li> <li>Computer Science 100</li> </ul>
Friday		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science</li> <li>Religious Studies (ad-hoc, dates will be emailed home)</li> </ul>



## Science Masterclasses All year 11 Welcome!



## Year 11 Revision Sessions



Day	Time	Teacher	Subject
Wednesday	Lunch	Miss Wilkinson	Drop In
Wednesday	Lunch	Miss Takhar	Chemistry
Wednesday	3.30 – 4.00 pm	<u>Mrs</u> Thomas	Biology
Thursday	8.10 – 8.35 am	<u>Mrs</u> Robertson	Science
Thursday	3.30 – 4.00 pm	<u>Mr</u> Inett	Chemistry
Friday	3.30 – 4.00 pm	<u>Mrs</u> Robertson	Science

Exam	Date	Time
Biology – Paper 1	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	PM
Chemistry – Paper 1	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	AM
Physics – Paper 1	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	AM
Biology – Paper 2	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	AM
Chemistry – Paper 2	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	AM
Physics – Paper 2	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	AM

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# Year 10 GCSE Success



## 🌟 Year 10 Success 🌟



★ Success Evening.

Our Success Evening will walk you through how to be successful in your GCSEs and your end-of-year exams — with practical advice, strategies, and support.

📅 Tuesday 5th May

🕒 5:30pm We look forward to seeing you there.

**#ChooseToSucceed #NowForLater**

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Mrs Mincher is currently collating revision details on the topics students need to prepare for, which will be shared in plenty of time to allow students to revise specifically for these exams.

These exams will be an important marker of attainment, knowledge and understanding. They will enable both teachers and students to diagnose any gaps in knowledge and skills. All students should take these exams seriously.

## 🌟 Year 10 Success 🌟

🏆 At GCSE, we reward high ATL and academic success at every exam. When you show commitment, effort, and the right Attitude to Learning, it leads to real rewards.

- 🏆 Golden Ticket Rewards
- 📅 Year 10 End-of-Year Exams 🏆 Golden Ticket Reward 1 🕒 September of Year 11 – Afternoon Tea
  - 📅 Year 11 November Mocks 🏆 Golden Ticket Reward 2 🍷 Subway Takeaway
  - 📅 Year 11 March Mocks 🍩 WBS Dessert Shop – Krispy Kreme Doughnuts

**#ChooseToSucceed #NowForLater**

These exams will also offer the first of three opportunities to earn Golden Tickets, linked to the academic rewards we run in school to recognise effort, ATL and academic performance.

# Amazing us!



## Celebrating Student Success – Well Done, Hannah (Year 10)!

Last weekend, Hannah in Year 10 achieved an incredible personal milestone by completing a 10km run around Cannock Chase. She finished as the first U17 female, raising an impressive £152 for The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

This is a fantastic achievement that shows determination, resilience and commitment — we are incredibly proud of her effort both on and off the school site.

Well done, Hannah!

Mrs Leason, Head of Year 7 ~over at Church Preen Primary School. Just one of the many events we have to support the pupils' transition into Secondary Education.



# What's on at The Edge

## What's On at The Edge Arts Centre



**Fun! with Barbara Nice**  
Ordinary housewife extraordinaire  
Friday 24 April 7.30pm  
£15



**Mark Harrison Band**  
Original roots music  
Saturday 25 April 7.30pm  
£15



**Monday Night Cinema**  
The Life of Chuck (15)  
Monday 27 April 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



**James Acaster:**  
Cinemagoers Welcome (15)  
Thursday 30 April 7.30pm  
£12 (concessions £10)



**Rock The 80's**  
Van Halen, ELO, Prince, Journey  
Friday 1 May 7.30pm  
£15



**Salt Peanuts**  
Modern Jazz standards  
Friday 8 May 7.30pm  
£15



**Monday Night Cinema**  
Black Bag (15)  
Monday 11 May 7.30pm  
£6 (concessions £5)



**Miranda Sykes & Jim Causley**  
Iconic Folk voices  
Friday 15 May 7.30pm  
£18

## The Edge Arts Centre at William Brookes School



Box Office: Penny-Farthing, 5 The Square, Much Wenlock  
Buy online at [ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre](http://ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre)  
Ticket line 0333 666 3366 during office hours  
Join our mailing list at [edgeartscentre.com](http://edgeartscentre.com)

# Advice, Guidance & Community

The Parenting Team will be delivering a free Understanding Your Child group aimed at parents and carers of children 0–5 years old. The group will start in May.

The 10 week group aims to:

- Promote understanding of children's behaviour within the context of developmental issues
- Promote the development of parent/child relationship
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in both parents and children
- Give parents a strategy for repair when things go wrong
- Promote reflective, sensitive and effective parenting



## Understanding Your Child

0 – 5 years

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."  
"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

**Join our friendly, relaxed group!**

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

**Upcoming Session**

- starts Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 12.30–2.30pm – Sunflower House, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES


the group meets once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays with the last session being on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**What We'll Talk About**

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it


**Want to Join Us?**

Email: [parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk)  
Call: 01743 250950  
Visit: [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)



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Try our free online learning pathways at [Becoming Togetherness - Togetherness](#)



Events at the Edge Arts Centre <https://edgeartscentre.com/>



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# Community Events



FREE Family Fun Day on Saturday  
9th May!

Looking for a fun, active day out?  
@Halo Leisure are throwing open  
their doors for a BIG OPEN DAY!  
Enjoy free swimming, sports tasters,  
bouncy castles, and more. It's the  
perfect way to get moving together  
as a family.

See what's on at your nearest  
centre here:

<https://haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on/>

